Pension to 1984 riot victims

1127. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned pension to the people who had lost their family members in 1984 riots in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many such people were sanctioned pensions, since when and at what rate;

(c) what were the norms and conditions for eligibility to such pension;

(d) whether it is a fact that this pension has been stopped, recently; and

(e) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (e) The Government have sanctioned ad-hoc relief to the persons of following categories :

(i) Persons above the age of 60 years who were affected by November, 84 riots and had lost an earning member or a would be earning member.

(ii) Widows who could not be provided employment or who are incapable of doing a job. Initially the relief was allowed @ Rs. 400/- per month provided they have no source of income.

On 16-3-1990, the Government of India issued orders that the quantum of ad-hoc relief to the persons above age of 60 years and the widows would be increased from Rs. 400/- per month to Rs. 1000/- per month with effect from 15-3-1990.

On 18-6-1990, the Government of India issued orders that with effect from 16-6-1990, the widows will, in addition, be paid @ Rs. 1000/- per month till one employable son/daughter becomes an earning member.

Ad hoc relief @ Rs. 1000/- per month has been provided to 109 persons above the age of 60 years affected by 1984 riots.

As per the information received from the Delhi Administration, the number of widows who were sanctioned ad hoc relief from 1987-88 upto 30-9-1992 was 338.

The number of widows provided additional relief of Rs. 1000/ per month till one employable son/daughter becomes an earning member is 88.

The schemes sanctioning ad hoc relief to the aged and the widows have been in un-interrupted operation since their inception. Only in respect of persons who have ceased to be eligible, ad hoc relief has been discontinued. In respect of aged persons relief has been discontinued in 51 cases in 1990-91 and 1991-92 on grounds of these persons having an earning or employable member in their family. In respect of widows, the relief has been discontinued in 110 cases out of 338 between 1988-89 and 1991-92 on account of their having been provided employment or leaving Delhi or re-marriage or death. In respect of widows provided with additional relief, such relief has been discontinued in 51 cases on ground of employment having been provided either to them or their family members, widows having left Delhi or having died.

Meeting of Political Parties on Kashmir Issue

1128. SHRI N. E. BALARAM :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Home Minister had held meetings with representatives of different political parties on Kashmir problem;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Home Minister held a meeting with the representatives of different political parties in Delhi in October, 1992, to discuss the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, and to consider ways and means of activising political forces in the State, increasing the participation of the

people in the administration and developmental activity, and thereby expediting the restoration of the political process in the State.

Amnesty International's visit to India

1129. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1978, for the first time, the Amnesty International has been invited to visit India to discuss the Human Rights issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Amnesty's demands to visit Punjab, Kashmir and North-East-parts of India has not been agreed to by Government of India;

(c) which are the other Organisations/ Groups with whom Amnesty Team is likely to meet in Delhi or elsewhere; and

(d) whether Government of India propose to set up their own Independent Human Rights Commission in the country, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit of the Amnesty International delegation is viewed as the beginning of a constructive and continuing dialogue between Amnesty International and the Government of India. The question of visits to other parts of the country will also be considered in this spirit at the appropriate time.

(c) The official programme only included discussions with various concerned Ministries. Any meetings which the delegation may have had with other organisations/ groups were not part of the official programme.

(d) The proposal to set up a Human Rights Commission is under active consideration of the Government. Efforts are being made to finalise the same expeditiously.

Police Torture to Under Trial

1130. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Indian Express dated 29th September, 1992 regarding torture of a person by Police in a case of theft, fracturing both his legs;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any enquiry into the matter to know the factual position; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what action has been taken/proposed to be taken against those responsible for the inhuman treatment meted out to the suspect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A case u/s 330 IPC has been registered at Police Station Trilokpuri against two police officials. The police officials have been arrested and placed under suspension.

Action plan to deport Bangladeshi Migrants from Delhi

1131. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Action Plan has been launched by the Delhi Administration to deport all the illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Detection and deportation of